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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - FEBRUARY 26

1. NYT (PAGE 1) BERNIE GWERTZMAN REPORTS SOVIET OFFICIALS HAVE PRIVATELY CONCEDED THAT MICROWAVES HAVE BEEN BEAMED AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, BUT THEY JUSTIFY THE POSSIBLY HARMFUL ACTIVITY AS NECESSARY TO JAM AMERICAN LISTENING DEVICES ON THE ROOF OF THE BUILDING. SAME STORY IN SUN AND STAR.

2. NYT (PAGE 2) REPORTS FROM MOSCOW SOVIET CONGRESS SETTLING DOWN TO ROUTINE SPEECHES. ALSO OTHER PAPERS.

3. NYT (PAGE 3) CHRISTOPHER WREN REPORTS ON CONGRESS SETTING NOTING GUESTS FROM 96 COUNTRIES IN ATTENDANCE.

4. NYT (PAGE 5) GLADWIN HILL REPORTS IN PIECE IN TANDUM WITH GWERTZMAN STORY THAT MICROWAVE IS FAIRLY LOW ON ENERGY SCALE WITH ITS CHIEF EFFECT CREATION OF HEAT.

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5. NYT (PAGE 8) EDWARD BURKS FROM IRKUTSK REPORTS ONCE THE DODGE CITY OF SIBERIA, IRKUTSK IS NOW ANOTHER OF THOSE SPRAWLING SOVIET INDUSTRIAL CITIES -- 3,200 MILES

EAST OF MOSCOW.

6. NYT (OP-ED PAGE) EDIT "THE BREZHNEV REPORT" SAYS DESPITE LACK OF SURPRISES, IT MERITS CAREFUL STUDY AS IT REPRESENTS MOST UP-TO-DATE EXPOSITION OF THE PARTY LINE ON FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICY. ONE NYT'S CONCLUSION: THE STANDARD OF LIVING REMAINS DISGRACEFULLY LOW IN THE COUNTRY THAT MAY BE MILITARILY THE MOST POWERFUL IN THE WORLD.

7. NYT (LETTER TO ED) B. LEVICH, S. ALBER, N. MEIMAN, L. KORNFELD, ALL SOVIET CITIZENS, SAY FROM MOSCOW IN REBUT OF ARTICLE BY SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER INTERNAL AFFAIRS IN FEBRUARY 3 NYT THAT THE GENUINE CAUSES OF EMIGRATION DECLINE ARE THE UNCERTAINTY OF ONE'S FATE, THE HARD LIFE OF THOSE WAITING FOR YEARS FOR PERMISSION TO LEAVE, THE FEAR FOR THE FATE OF ONE'S CHILDREN AND, FINALLY, DISAPPOINTMENT AND DECREASING HOPE IN THE TRIUMPH OF JUSTICE AND HUMANITY.

8. SUN (OP-ED PAGE) JOHN BORRELL (ROVING BRITISH CORRESPONDENT IN AFRICA) SAYS IN "MOSCOW HEARS THE SIREN SONG OF THE SOUTH" THAT THE SOVIET UNION BOUGHT THE ALLEGIANCE OF MPLA LEADER NETO VERY CHEAPLY AND IT SEES NO REASON, AT THIS STAGE AT LEAST, TO PAY THE INEVITABLY HIGH PRICE OF CONFRONTING SOUTH AFRICA.

9. STAR (PAGE 2) BRIEF ITEM REPORTS AMBASSADOR STOESSEL BLOCKED FROM DIPLOMATIC LOUNGE AT MOSCOW AIRPORT BY GUS HALL ARRIVAL WHEN HE WENT TO MEET RELATIVES.

10. STAR (PAGE 4) UPI FROM MOSCOW SAYS CASTRO DISCOUNTS ROLE IN REVOLUTIONS.

11. STAR (PAGE 4) JOHN EDLIN FROM SALISBURY, RHODESIA REPORTS WITH SOVIET-BACKED PMLA FORCES VICTORIOUS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ANGOLA, IT IS EXPECTED THERE THAT MOSCOW NOW WILL TURN TO STRENGTHENING GUERRILLA FORCES IN MOZAMBIQUE THAT HAVE BEEN FIGHTING IN RHODESIA FOR MORE THAN THREE YEARS.

12- STAR (OP-ED PAGE) EDIT "TWO VIEWS OF DETENTE" SAYS BREZHNEV'S FIVE HOUR STEM-WINDER CONTAINED FEW SURPRISES BUT DID MAKE DISTURBINGLY EXPLICIT HOW FAR APART THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION REMAIN ON THE MEANING OF

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